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ASSOCHAM FOR SEZs
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ASSOCHAM has put forward any scheme and strategy for creating Special Economic Zones with involvement of farmers in the industrialization process through SEZs;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the response of the Government and reaction thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) & (b) : Yes Sir. ASSOCHAM has submitted recommendations on various issues relating to Special Economic Zones (SEZs). The recommendations with regard to involvement of farmers include setting up of a high powered committee for formulation of policy on land acquisition and rehabilitation; setting up SEZs on soils having low biological potential for farming and offering stake to farmers by way of shareholding in the proposed project.

(c) : As regards the nature of land used for SEZs, the State Governments have been advised that in case of land acquisition for Special Economic Zones, first priority should be for acquisition of waste and barren land and if necessary single crop agricultural land could be acquired for the SEZs. Other recommendations with regard to involvement of farmers relate to rehabilitation policy and a revised National Rehabilitation Policy is currently under consideration of the Government.